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STAT MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
Office of General Counsel
STAT VIA : [REDACTED]
Acting Legislative Counsel
STAT FROM : [REDACTED]
Assistant Legislative Counsel
SUBJECT : Representative Les Aspin's (D., Wis.)
Statement Contained in 29 May 1978 Time
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1. (U) On 25 May 1978 I called Loch Johnson, Staff Director, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Subcommittee on Oversight, to ask him for enlightenment on the context within which Mr. Aspin made the following statement: "The CIA can't be the only arbiter of what is classified. There ought to be somebody you can appeal to -- an arbitrator set up by an act of Congress."

2. (U) Mr. Johnson said that he had not read the article but that he presumed that the statement was made in context with Mr. William Colby's statement the preceding week during the "60 Minutes" TV program interview to the effect that it might be appropriate to have someone from outside of the CIA to pass on or review books by CIA former employees. Mr. Johnson further opined that Mr. Aspin's statement was not directed at the classification process per se; rather that his statement was in connection with the process that CIA follows in reviewing books written by current and former employees.

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